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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN OUR EXCHANGES WITH THE
CUBANS

REF: (A) STATE 127459, (B) HAVANA 1329, (C) HAVANA 1346,
(D) HAVANA 1351, (E) HAVANA 1300, (F) USUN 2106

1. WILLIAM MILLER, STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE SENATE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, AND JACK BRODY, HIRC STAFF
DIRECTOR, HAVE CALLED TO ASK FOR ALL TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC
COVERING OUR EXCHANGES WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IN THE
WAKE OF LYLE LANE'S MEETING WITH CASTRO (HAVANA 1300).

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2. WE HAVE MADE HAVANA 1300 AVAILABLE TO THE SFRC AND
MILLER; AND AS YOU ARE AWARE, SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF IT
HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS. THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE'S
RECORD ON PROTECTING SENSITIVE INFORMATION IS GOOD. THE
ATMOSPHERE IN THE HIRC IS DIFFERENT. STEVEN SOLARZ, AMONG
OTHERS, IS ACTIVELY QUESTIONING OUR ACCOUNT OF THE DEGREE

OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN SHABA.

3. IF WE PROVIDE THE COMMITTEES THE MESSAGES WHICH THEY SEEK, THEY ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO ASK FOR YOUR EXCHANGE WITH RODRIGUEZ ON MAY 25 AND PERHAPS ANDY'S DISCUSSION ON MAY 24 (USUN 2106).

4. WE RECOMMEND GIVING THE HIRC LANE'S CONVERSATION WITH CASTRO (HAVANA 1300), SINCE IT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SENATE. AS WITH THE SFRC, WE WILL ASK THAT THE LAST PARAGRAPH CONTAINING LANE'S COMMENT BE DELETED BEFORE THE MESSAGE IS READ BY MEMBERS.

5. WE ARE INCLINED TO TELL THE TWO COMMITTEES THAT WE WILL CARRY THE OTHER REFERENCED CABLES TO THE HILL TO BE READ THERE BUT PREFER NOT TO LEAVE COPIES. IF THE SUBJECT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH RODRIGUEZ COMES UP, WE WOULD SAY THAT WHILE RODRIGUEZ RAISED THE QUESTION OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN SHABA, THE MEETING WAS USED PRINCIPALLY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SPECIFICALLY THE NEGOTIATIONS OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. WE WOULD NOT SHOW THIS CONVERSATION TO THE COMMITTEES.

6. SINCE ANDY YOUNG'S MEETING WITH RODRIGUEZ WAS CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SOUTHERN AFRICA, WE WILL TAKE THE SAME APPROACH.

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7. IF YOU AGREE TO OUR LETTING THE COMMITTEES READ STATE 127459, HAVANA 1329, 1346 AND 1351 WHICH ARE BEING REPEATED SEPARATELY, WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND MAKE SURE THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT IS SATISFACTORY. IN PROVIDING THE COMMITTEES STATE 127459 - OUR RESPONSE TO MALMIERCA - WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT THE MESSAGE CONTAINED WAS TRANSMITTED ORALLY BUT THAT THE ORAL PRESENTATION PARAPHRASED BUT SUBSTANTIALY ADHERED TO THE WRITTEN INSTRUCTION.

8. RECOMMENDATION:

(A) THAT WE PROVIDE THE COMMITTEES HAVANA 1300, AND

(B) THAT WE PERMIT THE COMMITTEES TO READ THE CABLES MENTIONED IN PARA 7, SUBJECT TO WHITE HOUSE CONCURRENCE.

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